

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2215 - HB 2604

April 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017212): Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding to include an amount sufficient to pay an additional \$300 for every teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) to be used to purchase instructional supplies for the 2022-23 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-3-359(a) currently requires the BEP to include an amount of money sufficient to pay \$200 for every teacher in grades K-12.
- The BEP generates funding based on 46 components grouped into four main categories: instructional salary, instructional benefits, classroom, and non-classroom.
- There is not a specific component within the BEP formula that accounts for the \$200 of instructional materials and supplies required by current law.
- The classroom funding category includes funds for regular education, special education and career technical education materials based on average daily membership (ADM).
- There are sufficient funds generated to provide both the current \$200 per K-12 teacher and an additional \$300 per K-12 teacher without any change to BEP.
- LEAs may be required to shift current funds from other planned expenditures to teachers; however, the overall impact to state and local expenditures is not significant.
- No impact to the BEP.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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